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TO: Transportation and Communications Committee

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SUBJECT: Update on SCAG Aviation Program

SUMMARY:

Staff will brief the committee on the status of SCAG's aviation program, including the first meeting of the Aviation Task Force and the future work and meeting schedule leading up to the development of a new Regional Aviation Plan for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The first meeting of the reconstituted SCAG Aviation Task Force will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2006. The Aviation Task Force will provide policy guidance for the development of a new Regional Aviation Plan for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan. Among the agenda items to be discussed is a proposed schedule for aviation work that they would guide and review, as well as a meeting schedule. The aviation work leading up to the development of a new Regional Aviation Plan includes completion of the Regional Airspace Analysis, new aviation forecasting and capacity work to produce new 2035 regional aviation forecasts, a Regional Airport Management Implementation Study, and an Airport Ground Access Element that will emphasize transit, HOV and new FlyAway improvements to promote decentralization of demand to suburban airports. The activity and meeting schedule that the Aviation Task Force will review is as follows:

- February 2006: First meeting of the ATF to review the Regional Aviation Management Study, past accomplishments by the ATF for the 2001 and 2004 RTPs, and future schedule for the 2008 RTP. Prof. Steven Erie of UCSD, project manager for the study, will be the keynote speaker.
- May 2006: Work initiated on the Regional Aviation Capacity and Forecasting Study.
- June 2006: Work initiated on the Regional Airport Management Implementation Study.
- June 2006: Regional Airspace Analysis completed.
- July 2006: Second meeting of the Aviation Task Force to approve assumptions and parameters for revising/updating the 2035 forecasts for the 2008 RTP, and the results of the Regional Airspace Analysis. Also, to review upcoming airport ground access work. Potential presentation by LAWA on their ground access planning for LAX and Ontario. Potential presentation by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority on the status of their airport site selection study and associated draft ballot measure.
- July 2006: Present ground access recommendations from the 2004 RTP to the RTP TAC for review, as well as a schedule for updating the ground access element for the 2008 RTP, including adding transit projects.

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- August 2006: Initiate new ground access work for the 2008 RTP, with an emphasis on evaluating transit, HOV and FlyAway projects, as well as updating, revising and refining ground access projects from the 2004 RTP.
- October 2006: Complete Regional Airport Management Implementation Study.
- November 2006: Complete Regional Aviation Capacity and Forecasting Study.
- December 2006: Third meeting of the ATF to review and approve the results of the Regional Aviation Capacity and Forecasting Study, and Regional Airport Management Implementation Study.
- February 2007: Complete recommended list of revised list of airport ground access projects to be included in the 2008 RTP airport ground access element, minus transit projects.
- March 2007: Complete transit projects to be included in the 2008 RTP airport ground access element, in the context of an overall short-term airport decentralization strategy, emphasizing a regional airport flyaway system.
- April 2007: RTP TAC reviews all recommended airport ground access projects for the 2008 RTP.
- July 2007: Fourth and last meeting of the ATF to approve the draft Regional Aviation Plan and Ground Access Element for the 2008 RTP, with a recommended strategy to implement a new regional airport management/governance structure, including an implementation schedule.